

recognizing Jerry Whelan. Her eloquent comments can't be added on to any great degree. She has made the point that Jerry Whelan was a great Nebraskan, had a great sense of humor, told some of the funniest stories I've ever heard, and had a heart that cared for everybody. He was from Hastings, and did Hastings proud, our state proud, and was a person that I had a lot of respect for. It is unfortunate that because of the session many of us weren't able to attend his funeral yesterday, but I think this recognition through the resolution will send the message back to his family that, in fact, the Legislature and the State of Nebraska care about him, respect and remember him, and wish his family well.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam Chair and members. It's a sad time to speak about Jerry Whelan but I think probably, as I look around the room, I am the only one in here that grew up with Jerry Whelan in Hastings, Nebraska. We went to school together. We were on the opposite sides of the political fence most of the time, but we remained friends, and I respected his opinions and I'm sure he respected mine. Other things that have not been said about him, and maybe were at the memorial. at the mass that I could not go to, Jerry Whelan worked in his church and also in the community in a way, and in his law practice, and did things for people that would never come to light, and he did them from a personal and caring point of view that a lot of people don't know about, and so from that stance, I want to pay tribute to him. But also one of the last things he did the last couple of years, he and my brother worked on a memorial to the men who were killed in the Second World War, Korea, and Vietnam in Hastings, and they raised more than \$10,000 to get the money to do that, and they have arranged and have every one of the names in this memorial at the Senior High School in Hastings. If you are ever there and want to take a look at it, for me it is one of the best memorials to those people. So I just thank Jerry for that last outreach to people that we all cared about in Hastings. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President and members of the body, I rise in support of the resolution. My husband and I lived in Hastings for seven years before coming to Lincoln, and unlike Senator Crosby, Lieutenant Governor Whelan and I were of the